



CENTRAL OHIO NUMISMATIC ASSOCIATION



Box 1561, Dublin, OH 43017

February, 2019

When: 7 p.m., Feb. 20
Where: Oakstone Academy
900 Club Dr., Westerville
Who: Rachel Wiegand and Gerry Tebben
Topics: Apothecary tokens and manhole covers

February presentation

In keeping with the shortness of the month, the meeting will feature two brief presentations - Rachel Wiegand is going to talk about apothecary weights and Gerry Tebben is going to give a presentation on manhole covers.

Apothecary weight tokens were based loosely on the troy weight and used by pharmaceutical chemists and bullion merchants from 1878 until the late 1960s to measure out powders and medicines. The apothecary weight token system began in Great Britain with the British Weights and Measures Act. In 1960, apothecary weights became obsolete and were formally abolished starting in Australia. Everything was replaced by metric weights soon after.

---**Rachael W.**

Manhole covers are probably the most important numismatic item in the history of the world. They're not only round and dated, they save lives by preventing inattentive people from falling down holes. -- **Gerry**

January presentation

On the Crossroad: The Hellenistic Kingdom of Cappadocia:

Elephants, it turns out, weren't very good in battle, John Rieske said as an aside during his presentation on the coins of Cappadocia and the inbred rulers whose portraits appear on them.

Romans, he said, had a long history of dealing with the oversize creatures that the Cappadocians sent into battle. "They knew all you had to do

was make a lot of noise and the elephants would turn around and run."

The Kingdom of Cappadocia issued coins from the 5th century B.C. to the early first century A.D. They typically show the king on the obverse and a god on the back.

John said the coins of Cappadocia run scarce but inexpensive. Coins with a known population of just a handful can be purchased, when they're available, for just a couple hundred dollars.

Some of the rulers are known mostly by their coins. Little survives about them. Citing Ariarathes III (230?-220 B.C.) as an example, John said, "You could write it (his biography) in one sentence."

John prepared an illustrated 20-page monograph on the kingdom's coinage, which was distributed at the meeting. If you didn't get a copy let me know and I'll email it (8 megs) or send you a printout. - gtebben@columbus.rr.com or Box 82125, Columbus, Ohio 43202.

It, like most of our handouts, is available on the Newman Numismatic Portal at nnp.wustl.edu/library/publisherdetail/525609.

Club auction

Send March lots to Steve B - s @columbus.rr.com - by March. 11

Raffle

The February Raffle Coin will be a PCGS, 1938-D Buffalo Nickel, MS-65. Beautiful coin in an older holder. Tickets are \$1 each; 6 for \$5 or 13 for \$10.

Need a club shirt? I have XL and 2X sizes. \$35 each! - **Gary**

Dues are due

It is time to renew your membership for 2019.

Single membership - \$15.00

Family membership - \$21.00

Youth 18 years or younger - free

Mail to CONA, PO Box 1561, Dublin, Oh 43017 or pay at the meetings. - **Marlene**

CONA MEDAL STRUCK



Efforts to develop a presentation medal that the CONA club can offer to presenters and other deserving club members and guests is being realized this month with the minting of 250 medals.

This two-year effort, initiated in 2017, was led by a Presentation Medal Committee consisting of Geoffrey G., Chris L., Don T., and Max T. (our young nut) with later assistance from Janis T.

By November 2018, a preliminary design was forwarded by the committee to Stephen Petty to finalize, locate an engraver and to get a first strike minted.

By early December the design was finalized and Osborne Coinage Co. (Ted Schuh) was selected to finalize the art, develop dies and provide pricing for 250 medals.

The CONA Board approved this scope of work and the selection of the Osborne Coinage Company at our 2018 Christmas Party.

In late January, Spence S. and Stephen Petty, based on a vote of the Board, agreed the first strike was acceptable and authorized Osborne Coinage Company to strike 250 CONA Presentation Medals.

We should have these for the club's use no later than the March CONA meeting. The first strike medal will be given to our historian, Bruce Smith, for archiving. - **Steve Petty**

Columbus Coin Show

The Columbus Coin Show is back at the Makoy Center in Hilliard. About 40 dealers set up to buy, sell and trade U.S. & World coins, currency, tokens, medals and other interesting collectables.

When: Feb. 17 - 10 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Where: Franklin County Fairgrounds.

Admission: CONA members get in free

Columbus Coin Show

3rd Sunday Every Month

2019 Dates

*Jan 20 Feb 17 Mar 17 Apr No Show May 19 June 16
July 21 Aug 18 Sept 15 Oct 20 Nov 17 Dec 15

Hours 10-4 • \$2 Admission 18 or Older

*Jan Show Only at the
Franklin County Fair Grounds (Edwards Building)
Show Location:
Makoy Center
5462 Center St. • Hilliard, Ohio 43026

For show information contact:
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Google Columbus Coin Show for directions | Email: drich@columbus.rr.com

January winners

Door prizes: John R , Kacy T , Charles C , Kevin T, Mike G , Zach G , Gary M and Karl N.

Raffle: Bob Smithson

Quiz: Gerry Tebben

50/50: Ruth G. was not present so the \$40 pot rolled over

Speakers needed

MarchSteve Petty

Speakers are needed for the spring and summer.

Wayfair sales tax issue

ICTA has prepared a video on last year's sales tax decision that requires companies to collect sales taxes on out-of-state sales.

ICTA executive director Jimmy Hayes presents an important update on the SCOTUS South Dakota v. Wayfair decision. Learn the most common FALSE information spread about the decision plus more!

You can watch it here -- www.youtube.com/watch?v=TFsvygukkFE&feature=youtu.be

Hilltop auction

When: Feb. 26, (5:30 p.m. lot viewing)

Where: Grove City Coin, 2655 Columbus St.

From our ANA rep.

Hope you all are staying warm, what a see saw weather pattern we have been having. I am looking forward to April when temps start to warm up and it is coin month (yes not coin week but coin month)

Here is something we all can participate in and have some fun. Hundreds of dealers and collectors are using the month of April for national coin month, not week. Close to a million coins will enter the cash registers and tip pockets all over the country.

Some specially marked (holograms) coins will be used in change that can be redeemed for high value coins by following the instructions. Yes dealers and collectors are putting old and valuable coins into regular circulation to help boost the hobby.

It's something we all can do. We all have a roll or two (HA HA) of wheat pennies, why not use some of them for change or put into the give-a-penny, take-a-penny dishes that are at most retail stores and gas stations.

One dealer is going to use his for tips at eating-places but is also going to let the waiter/waitress know that the change is something special. Just think if just 1/2 of one percent of over a million coins makes a new collector. Try it I am. --- Bob, ANA District rep Ohio

[The Milwaukee Journal - Apr 9, 1895](#) [Browse this newspaper »](#)

COUNTERFEIT POSTAGE.

Postoffice Officials Find That Millions of Such Stamps Have Been Used.

CHICAGO, April 9.—The United States secret service in Chicago and Washington have unearthed probably the most unique and at the same time important swindle ever perpetrated upon any government. Its magnitude, after two days' investigation, can only be guessed at, but it is believed thousands upon thousands of dollars have been secured by a gang of skilled counterfeiters, who have reproduced with wonderful skill and accuracy the pink 2-cent stamp of commerce. Whether the counterfeiters have accomplices in dishonest postmasters is not known.

It is thought the country is flooded from New York to San Francisco with these spurious stamps, and the United States had been carrying millions of letters from which not one cent of revenue was received.

[The Montreal Gazette - May 20, 1935](#) [Browse th](#)

Counterfeit Money Is Made in Prison Cell

Salt Lake City, Utah, May 19.—A warrant was signed today for the arrest of John Martin on a charge making counterfeit money in—of all places—the State Penitentiary.

The warrant will be served when Martin leaves the State prison Monday after winning clemency from the Board of Pardons. He was convicted of murder as "Blackie Gibson," but convinced officials he was not Gibson.

Federal authorities said a crude stencil and other counterfeiting implements found in Martin's cell were the source of bogus bills passed by released convicts.

